

## KILLED IN DASH OF OKLAHOMA CONVICTS

Three Murderers Pur-  
sued by Prison Guards  
and Slain in Running  
Fight, After Shooting  
Four Men to Death, in  
Escape From Okla-  
homa Penitentiary.

## USE TELEPHONE GIRL AS SHIELD

Young Woman Wound-  
ed in the Leg; John R.  
Thomas, Former Fed-  
eral Judge and Con-  
gressman From Illinois,  
Slain in Warden's Of-  
fice.

McALESTER, Okla., Jan. 19.—Seven men were shot to death and three were injured today when three convicts attempted to escape from the Oklahoma penitentiary and were slain by guards. One of the men murdered by the convicts in their mad dash for liberty was John R. Thomas of Muskogee, formerly United States district judge, and once congressman from Illinois. Despite the commotion caused by the three men in trying to shoot down every one who came in their way, no general alarm was made by other convicts to join in the delivery. The three men were encouraged by their less desir- able fellows, who cheered the on- set of the armed prisoners. They rapidly did the three convicts shot down those in their path that they reached the prison gate before the guards could return their fire.

Wounded Girl as Shield.  
The desperadoes had taken the keys from the turnkey, John Martin, whom they had wounded, and had sheltered themselves through the prison yard by hiding Mary Foster, a telephone op- erator, in front of them until the only guard fired by guards in the yard hit the girl in the leg.

Outside the gate the men seized the car and buggy of Warden Dick and fled away, only to be shot to death by pursuing guards. One of the convicts fought to the last, the stolen car was dashed to a gallop by the other. They fired their last cartridge at the oncoming guards, who poured in deadly fire from horseback. Even after the three escaped men were lying dead in the bottom of the prison buggy, the frightened horse warden dashed onward until he was hit by a bullet from the pursuers. Now the men obtained the weapons planned the escape has not been covered, but a rigid inquiry will be made soon.

Dead.  
JOHN R. THOMAS, Muskogee, for- merly United States district judge.  
H. DROVER, superintendent Ber- son department.  
PATRICK OATES, assistant deputy warden.

C. GODFREY, guard.  
CHINA REED, under sentence of death for larceny.  
TOM LANE, Paul's Valley, under sentence for forgery.  
CHARLES KOONTZ, Comanche county, serving forty-year sentence for manslaughter.

Wounded.  
John Martin, turnkey, shot through the head.  
L. Wood, guard, shot through arm.  
Mary Foster, telephone operator, wounded in the leg.  
The attempted mutiny occurred at the end of the day's work and was led by Reed, Lane and Koontz.  
The three men worked in the tailor shop and when their work was ended they approached the back door of the penitentiary building. There met Martin, the turnkey. They wanted to see the pa- trolman. As Martin opened the door, they struck him repeatedly with a revolver, shot him through the

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## EXPERTS TESTIFY AS TO NEED FOR RADIUM

Formula for Reduction of  
Ores Held Secret, and  
Supply Is Limited.

## ONLY CURE FOR CANCER

House Committee on Mines  
Gives Hearing on Subject  
of Withdrawing Lands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Radium was described today to the house committee on mines as the only cure the medical world had discovered for cancer—the disease for which no cause has been found and which the experts before the committee labeled a rebel against all the laws that govern human tissue.

Four men who have devoted years to cancer appeared at the request of the committee to which have been referred resolutions empowering the president to withdraw from public entry public lands known to contain radium-bearing ores. They were Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore, Dr. Robert Abbe of New York, Di- rector Gaylord of the New York state in- stitution for the study of malignant dis- eases, and Dr. C. F. Burnham of Johns Hopkins university.

## Doctors Agreed.

All of the doctors agreed that the cry- ing need in their work was more radium, of which there is less than two grams in reduced form now in the United States.

"With more of the element to use," said Dr. Kelly, "we could accomplish more, as a twelve-inch gun would accom- plish more than many pistol shots." Discussing the case of Representative Bremner of New Jersey, who is under- going radium treatment in Baltimore, the doctor declared he felt certain a cure could be effected if more radium were available, and as it was, the patient showed encouraging symptoms and he was not hopeless. He said no arrange- ment for concentrating the radium sup- ply for such an emergency could be made in justice to thousands of other patients.

## Process Is Secret.

Dr. Kelly added that his associates were at work to discover a process for the reduction of radium from the ores of Colorado. But one concern now furnishes radium to the medical profession, he said, and its formula for reduction is held se- cret.

The committee will meet again Wed- nesday and it is probable that Secretary Lane of the interior department, whose annual report urged the passage of the pending resolution, and Dr. Holmes, chief of the bureau of mines, will be asked to testify. Representative Taylor of Colo- rado announced that men who held much of the radium lands in Colorado would ask to be heard.

## VILLAGERS REGRET THEIR HARSH WORDS

Uncle and Niece Marry and Are Driven  
to Suicide by Torrent of  
Denunciation.

CORTLAND, Ill., Jan. 19.—This village is silent and grief-stricken today pre- paring to follow in a body the funeral of John Aldis and his 16-year-old niece, who killed themselves as a result of the denunciation that followed their marriage. Three weeks ago, when it became known that Aldis and his sister's young daughter had been married for nearly two months, the couple were threatened with being tarred and feathered. The indignant villagers refused to speak to the girl and the pub- lic prosecutor warned them that they must either have the marriage annulled or leave the state.

Aldis finally went away, but no one would have anything to do with the bride. She sent for Aldis. On Saturday they de- cided to give up the fight. Later they were found dead from poison.

Clergymen yesterday excommunicated the vil- lagers for their stand. A meeting was held today. Money was subscribed for flowers and redemptions all Cortland will follow the funeral to the graveyard.

Salt Lakers in New York.  
Special to The Tribune.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Ansonia, L. Sim- on, Mrs. L. Simon, Breslin, P. McDon- ald, J. E. S. Edwards and wife, Park Avenue, A. Smith, Mrs. A. Smith, Grand Union, H. McKay, Vanderbilt, Mrs. H. M. Dinwoodey, Mrs. L. E. Dinwoodey.

## The Tribune's Progress

On Sunday last, January 18, The Tribune's total cir- culation was 36,081, divided as follows:

City and suburbs.....19,456  
Country.....16,625

On January 19, 1913, the corresponding Sunday last year, The Tribune's total circulation was 29,973, divided as follows:

City and suburbs.....15,610  
Country.....14,363

On Sunday last The Tribune carried 121½ columns of paid advertising, as compared with 126 columns on the cor- responding Sunday a year ago.

## WHOLE COUNTRY AWAITS WORDS OF PRESIDENT

Intense Interest in the Special  
Address on the Subject of  
Trusts Which Mr. Wilson  
Will Deliver Today.

## PLANS ARE MADE FOR THE JOINT SESSION

Demands for Tickets of Ad-  
mission to Galleries Great-  
est Ever Known for  
Such an Occasion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Congress will meet in joint session in the house chamber tomorrow to listen to the fifth message of President Wilson, his special address on the subject of trusts and their regulation.

As in the country at large, at the capital interest in the forthcoming mes- sage is intense. While members of the house and senate committees, which are to handle the trust legislation, have been privileged to hear the address in advance, they have kept their confi- dences, except to assure their col- leagues that the president's words will meet with favor in congress and the nation at large.

Arrangements for the joint assem- blage were made today, both houses adopting resolutions to meet in the house chamber at 12:30 o'clock. The president plans to begin the delivery of his message at that hour. A few min- utes before the house will recess to await the arrival of the senate, which will march in a body from the senate chamber, headed by the vice president and the sergeant at arms.

Demands for tickets of admission to the galleries have been the greatest ever known for such an occasion. As the seating capacity is limited, each senator and representative is being assigned a single ticket, though they are overwhelmed with requests. The cap- ital police have taken unusual precau- tions to handle the overflow crowds, which will be clamoring for admission on the lower floors of the building.

## DEMOCRATS MEET IN JOINT CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Democratic members of the senate interstate com- merce committee and the house judi- cary committee held a joint conference late today to discuss the proposed anti-trust legislation on which President Wilson will address congress in joint session to- morrow.

The conference was arranged in the interest of co-operation between the committees which are to have charge of the trust legislative program to be framed following President Wilson's message on the subject to be delivered tomorrow. Senator Newlands' office in the cap- itol. He was determined that there shall be several bills proposed in addition to a measure that would create an inter- state trade commission, the latter to serve as an aid to the courts in keep- ing corporations within the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law and, as Presi- dent Wilson termed it to callers today, "to facilitate the processes of accommo- dation," as contrasted with "the processes of suit" in dealing with big business."

## Bill for Commission.

The bill for the creation of the trade commission as tentatively drawn by the house subcommittee was read to the majority members of the senate com- mittee today. This measure, it was stated, would provide for a commission of five members, to be appointed by the president. The commission would have au- thority to conduct investigations into complaints, to aid the courts in the ex- ecution of decrees and vested with the powers of lending aid both to the govern- ment and business in order to keep busi- ness in the straight path and avert the necessity for prosecution.

The basis for the measure was the trade commission bill introduced last ses- sion by Senator Newlands. Many of the radical features of the Newlands bill.

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## W. F. JENSEN HEADS COMMERCIAL CLUB ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED AT THE ELECTION

NEW OFFICERS OF SALT LAKE CITY COMMERCIAL CLUB.



## SALT LAKE COUPLE IN A SUICIDE PACT

Butte Detective Seizes Poison  
and Prevents Tragedy; To  
Be Married Here.

Special to The Tribune.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 19.—A suicide pact, in which Marguerite Wasserman, a pretty 15-year-old Salt Lake girl, and George Rose, her 22-year-old sweetheart, were the principals, was frustrated by Detective Ambrose last night, when he took from the girl a vial of carbolic acid. The vial contained enough poi- son to kill a score of people.

"I can't live without George," wailed the girl, after the detective had snatched the vial of poison, following the arrest of the young couple, "and George can't live without me. We have tried to marry, but they won't let us. Rather than be separated we decided to end our existence, if caught."

The suicide pact is a sequel to an elopement which took place from Salt Lake City last Wednesday. The couple were traced to this city and arrested by Detective White at the Oregon Short Line depot last night, as they claimed some baggage from the Mormon cap- ital.

Rose and the girl were placed aboard the Short Line train for Salt Lake to- night, with only 15 cents left after the purchase of their tickets. They will be married when Salt Lake is reached.

At the request of her mother, Miss Wasserman and Rose were sought by the police of both Salt Lake and Ogden for more than a week, until it became certain that they had left the state. Matrimonial intentions on the part of the young couple were forestalled when the authorities at Farmington were notified to look out for them. Their bag- gage was left unclaimed for at the Bam- berger depot and for several days was watched by the police on the chance that one or both of them would re- turn.

## Organization Congratulated Upon Work Accomplished During Last Year.

W. F. JENSEN, president of the Jensen Creamery company, was elected president of the Salt Lake Commercial club yesterday afternoon by the new board of governors. F. S. Murphy was elected vice president, Will G. Farrell secretary and managing director, and John F. Bennett, treasurer. All have been prominent in Commercial club activi- ties during the past year.

The new board of governors, elected January 19, met and organized last Friday, but postponed the election of officers until yesterday. W. F. Jen- sen, who succeeds Dr. E. D. Woodruff, was re-elected member of the board, his first three-year term having ex- pired at the last election. F. S. Murphy, the new vice president, is serving his second year as a governor of the club, having been elected in January, 1913. John F. Bennett is in the last year of his three-year term, having been elected in January, 1912. Secretary Farrell took the reins of management at the Commercial club in the spring of last year, when Joseph E. Caine retired to become secretary of the club at Oak- land, Cal. It is probable that Mr. Far- rell was reappointed W. C. Stark as as- sistant secretary and George C. Cow- ing as director of the publicity bureau.

## Moyle Commends.

Yesterday's meeting of the board was one of the most important and en- thusiastic that has been held for months. It was attended by a num- ber of former governors of the club and the former presidents. Among the latter who attended were City Com- missioner Heber M. Wells, W. W. Ar- strong, Charles A. Quigley, W. J. Hal- loran and Joy H. Johnson. All of the former presidents made informal talks, congratulating the club on the year's work and the possibilities for the en- suing year. James H. Moyle made special notation of the address of former President Armstrong, who declared that the Commercial club was the one place in Utah where the open forum exists. Mr. Moyle said that point represented the most valuable feature of the club, and urged the incoming board to guard

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## KILLS WIFE IN ORDER TO MARRY STEPDAUGHTER

Robert Higgins of New Hen-  
derson, Ill., Confesses His  
Crime After Being Ques-  
tioned by Police.

## GIRL FIRST TELLS STORY OF SHOOTING

Brother of Murdered Woman  
Instrumental in Forcing the  
Guilty Pair to Acknowl-  
edge Their Deed.

GALESBURG, Ill., Jan. 19.—Robert Higgins confessed today that he mur- dered his wife at New Henderson, Ill., January 5, so he would be free to marry his stepdaughter, Julia Flake, 15 years old.

He was arrested after the girl told State's Attorney John M. Wilson of Mercer county of her infatuation for Higgins and that she importuned him to dispose of her mother, who, she said, was the only obstacle between her and happiness.

The prosecutor hesitated to believe the girl's story of the extraordinary pact she entered into with her step- father. But she told how they had schemed for hours devising a plan which would make Mrs. Higgins's death appear accidental. She said she was in the next room when Higgins fired the shotgun which brought instant death to her mother. She told how Higgins raved and struggled with neighbors for possession of the gun, saying that he would end his own life. Then when the excitement subsided somewhat she said they explained that Higgins had been cleaning the gun and it had been accidentally discharged.

## Convinced the Jury.

Their story was so convincing that the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. No one of the 200 residents of the village suspected any- thing regarding Mrs. Higgins's death and they comforted the widower and his apparently grief-stricken step- daughter.

Then C. W. Ernst, a maternal uncle of the girl, took two letters written by Julia Flake—one to herself and one to his daughter—to State's Attorney Wil- son. In these letters the girl offered part of a legacy she is to receive when she becomes of age, providing it would help kill her mother. Mr. son thought the letters were in a fit of anger, but he investigated. Saturday he called on State's Attorney A. J. Boutelle of Knox county and Sunday they went to see Julia, who was at the home of another uncle, A. J. Ernst, at Hermon. They were astounded by her story.

## Man Confesses.

Higgins, who is 26 years old and several years the junior of the woman he killed, was found today at New Hender- son. He was questioned for several hours and made many contradictions. En route to the jail at Alton, in an automobile, he broke down.

"I can't stand it any longer," he moaned. "I'll tell everything."

The journey was interrupted at Alton, where Higgins was taken into a bank office and signed a typewritten confession.

He gave what he said were all the details of the murder plot and asserted his infatuation for his stepdaughter was the cause of it all. He said that Mrs. Higgins became suspicious of his relations with her daughter and they planned to get rid of her.

Higgins's condition was such when the county seat was reached that his hastily provided attorneys waived pre- liminary examination.

The girl, who is at the home of an aunt here, became hysterical on learn- ing of Higgins's confession.

## Tell-tale Letter.

In the letter written to Miss Ernst, Julia made her first promise to bargain for the murder of her mother. This letter follows:

"Dear Honey—I wonder if your father would entertain my notion of killing mother. If he does, I wish that he would hurry up and do it, as I am getting awful tired. I wish he would try to come over here to Windham's a couple of days next week. Of course, he would have to do it when father and I are away. He could go to the house when father is sleeping and I am in school. Tell him to come and see me at recess."

The letter she wrote to her uncle was similar.

Mr. Ernst told the state's attorney that he did not inform Mrs. Higgins of the expediency of effecting a bargain with her, because he was not on speaking terms with her, but that he did go to the schoolhouse and tell Julia not to write any more such letters.

## Texas Bank Closed.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 19.—The state banking department today announced that the Lockney State bank at Lockney, Texas, had been ordered closed because of the alleged embezzlement of nearly \$10,000 by a former official of the bank. The man's name was withheld. The bank is a small one.

## Treaty Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—By a joint resolution today by Senator Overman the president would be required to bar- gain the expediency of effecting a treaty with the European powers for the neutraliza- tion of the Philippines and to protect in- dependent government there when es- tablished.